Statement

Close Circuit TVs at Stations

294. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the closed circuit TV System on major Railway Stations is more a nuisance to bonafide passengers than a facility; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) It would not be correct to say that CCTV System at railway stations is more a nuisance to bonafide passengers than a facility. It also provides for the guidance of the travelling public upto date information of train arrivals and departures, platforms etc.

Festivals in the Country

295. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the festivals held by the Government of India in the Country and abroad in the last three years; and

(b) what was the total amount spent on these festivals, with the details of each of the festivals separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The details of the Festivals of Inida held abroad and the reciprocal festivals held inside the country as well as the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years are indicated below:—

		(Rs.)
(I) *Outside the Country*		
(i) Festival of India in USA and France	(as on 31-3-1986)	10.75 crores (approx.)
(ii) Indian Manifestation in Sweden		0.66 crores (approx.)
(iii) Festival of India in USSR		9.50 crores (approx.)
(II) *Inside the Country*		
(i) Japan Month in India		0.53 crores (approx.)
(ii) Festival of the USSR in India		15.00 crores (approx.)